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SUBJECT: MAP MATERIEL PROGRAM FOR BOLIVIA

REF: STATE 272585

1. I APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION CONTAINED IN REFTEL DESCRIBING THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE DECISION MEMORANDUM BASED ON THE CASP AND THE DECISION MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY MAW REGARDING THE DATES OF PHASEOUT OF MAP MATERIAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR BOLIVIA. I AM STRUCK, HOWEVER, BY THE ABSENCE OF ANY DISCUSSION IN REFTEL OF THE AMOUNTS OF MONEY REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE EQUIPPING OF THE FIVE MOBILE REGIMENTS HERE IN EITHER TIME FRAME. I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT IF THE BUREAU MOVES FORWARD WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FY1977 PHASEOUT WITHOUT INSURING A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE GRANT LEVELS, THE US WILL BE IN THE EMBARRASSING POSITION OF BEING UNABLE TO FULFILL ITS COMMITMENT. IN SHORT, IT IS NOT JUST A QUESTION OF DATES, BUT IT IS ALSO THE NECESSARY FINANCING TO MAKE THE PHASEOUT DATE REALISTIC.

2. MY CONCERNS ARE HEIGHTENED BY THE INABILITY OF THE IC MECHANISM TO HAVE HAD AN IMPACT ON THE FY1976 BUDGETARY REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. THE DEPARTMENT HAS GONE FORWARD WITH A \$2.2 MILLION MAP GRANT MATERIEL REQUEST TO THE CONGRESS FOR FY1976 ALTHOUGH THE IG AGREED TO A LEVEL OF \$3.3 MILLION.

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FURTHERMORE, I NOTE NEWSPAPER REPORTS THAT THE CONGRESS IS

CONTEMPLATING SHARP CUTS IN THE FY1976 SECURITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. IF THE SHORTFALL IN FY76 MAP GRANT MATERIEL FOR BOLIVIA IS NOT MADE UP IN 76 OR 77 AND IF THE FY77 FINANCIAL LEVEL IS NOT ADEQUATE IN ITS INITIAL SUBMISSION TO THE CONGRESS, WE SHALL NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD ON OUR COMMITMENT TO EQUIP FIVE MOBILE REGIMENTS BY THE FY 77 PHASEOUT DATE.

3. ACCORDINGLY, I REQUEST THAT AN ADDENDUM TO THE ACTION MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU TO UNDER SECRETARY MAW'S OFFICE BE SUPPLIED IN WHICH AGREEMENT IS SOUGHT ON THE FINANCIAL LEVELS TO MAKE THE EARLIER PHASEOUT DATE REASONABLE.
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